

The three ponds loop

A walk proposed by Sarita J



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Walk No. 4098470

Marked hike N°44.

Across the woods and the fields, passing the ponds, you will discover areas where the earth has been shaped into artistic creations and pottery.

Duration :	3h 45	Difficulty :	Moderate
Distance :	11.99 km	Return to departure point :	Yes
Vertical gain :	101 m	Activity :	Walking
Vertical drop :	100 m	Region :	Puisaye
Highest point :	267 m	District :	Moutiers-en-Puisaye (89520)
Lowest point :	211 m		



Description

Depart from the church carpark in Moine Glaber (Monk Glaber) square.

(D/A) Take the direction of the village centre, at the square of the city hall, veer right and follow Rue de la Forge. At the « stop » sign, take the dirt path in front of you.

(1) When you reach the main road, turn left along the roadside for 400m and then turn left again towards Proux de la Route. This little road becomes a dirt path. Stay on this main path, then turn right at the T-junction. Continue straight on until you reach a little paved road. Cross the road and continue straight on opposite you. Follow this road towards Belles Fontaines. After 150m veer off on the path to the right. Follow this path, ignoring any turnings off into the woods or fields. When you are nearly at the bottom, this path becomes difficult to cross so you need to turn left on the path with signs, between this wood and the old path to arrive at the first pond: Charmoy pond.

(2) Go up the road to the right and then take the first road on the left. After a crossroads (the path on the left is private, flanked by two columns). The path in front of you follows a moor of woods that keep you separated from Bourdon reservoir (really wild area).

Take this path for 450m or so then turn right **(3)**. this new path goes up regularly and it leads to a path that is more widely used.

(4) Turn right. When you reach Guérins, turn left (the entries on the right lead to the farm). Cross the D85 road and walk down the little paved road toward Clergeaux. Just before Clergeaux, turn right along the dirt road. Keep walking until you reach a crossroads, where you turn left. Cross Petits Clergeaux. The road becomes a path, crosses the railroad, and passes the Loing. When you reach the road, turn right until you reach the dyke of Moutiers pond.

Do not hesitate to do a return trip to see the dyke before you continue on the little road that runs alongside the pond on the left.

(5) When you reach the crossroads, turn right, cross the bridge that spans the stream and continue until you reach the junction with the D85.

(6) Cross the railroad and turn left right after this path: in the direction of Moutiers to reach the original carpark. **(7)**

Waypoints

S/E Parking de l'église - Fontaine du moine Glaber

N 47.61014° / E 3.175934° - alt. 226 m - km 0

- 1 Débouché sur la D85, conserver la gauche**
N 47.612615° / E 3.16454° - alt. 247 m - km 0.94
- 2 Étang de Charmoy**
N 47.603341° / E 3.139327° - alt. 221 m - km 3.83
- 3 Prendre à droite le long du pré sur la gauche**
N 47.607286° / E 3.127168° - alt. 217 m - km 4.89
- 4 Au débouché sur le chemin, virer à droite**
N 47.614403° / E 3.1297° - alt. 254 m - km 5.73
- 5 Passer entre la queue de l'étang et les marais**
N 47.622091° / E 3.167288° - alt. 222 m - km 10.24
- 6 Traversée de la D85 et de la voie ferrée**
N 47.614357° / E 3.171095° - alt. 224 m - km 11.3
- 7 - Loing (le)**
N 47.612983° / E 3.172554° - alt. 220 m - km 11.48

S/E Parking de l'église

N 47.61014° / E 3.176066° - alt. 226 m - km 11.99

Practical information

Some paths are wet during the winter and even muddy in the rainy season. Wear appropriate shoes.

If you want to extend this hike for 2 km, at point (6), after passing the railroad, take the path that follows the road below. Through the trees, you have beautiful overviews of the village, the old abbey and the church of Saint-Pierre. On this little path, you can cross the road to reach the pottery of La Bâtisse and visit it (you have to pay)

At the end of this path, turn right on the sunken path and walk down. Cross the Loing on the little bridge that passes over it, go up for 100m to reach a little road and the village of Moutiers. This hiking trail is marked by signs placed on wooden boards and even on the ground with yellow signpostings (PR®). Number 44 corresponds to the signposting.

In the nearby area

Photographs and observations during the hike.

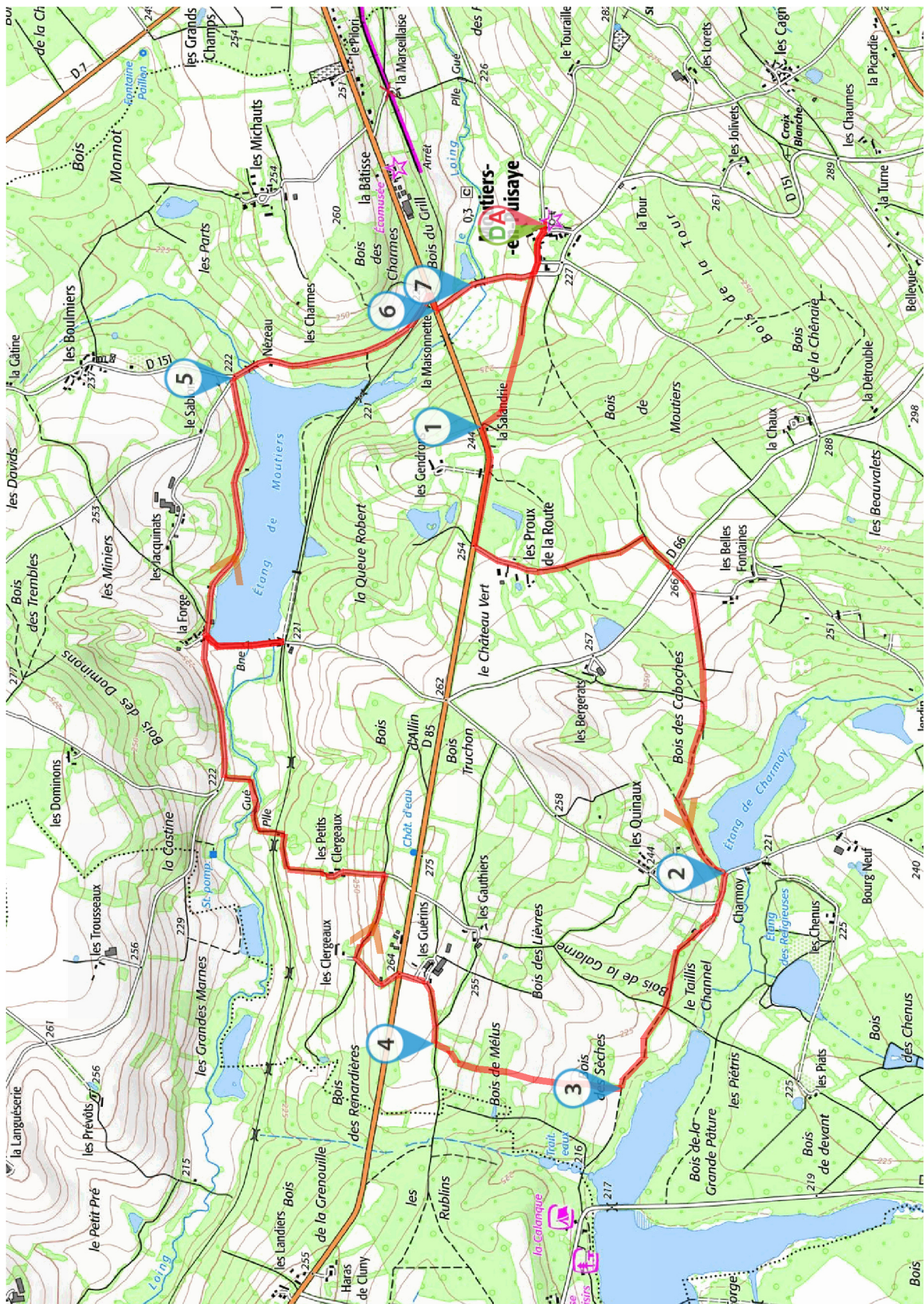
In the village, visit the church (7) and its wall paintings, the spring of Monk Galber, the newly renovated wash house. Nearby, the kiln of la Bâtisse.

Passing between point (2) and (3), you walk alongside the swamps and Bourdon reservoir. This place is wild and really beautiful, especially during the winter. Many species of birds can be found in these old swamps where there are also carnivorous plants (Droséra) at the water level.

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Always stay careful and alert while following a route. Visorando and the author of this walk cannot be held responsible in the event of an accident during this route.



THE WALKER CODE

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Before the walk



CHOOSE YOUR WALK CAREFULLY

by matching its difficulty and duration to your skill and physical ability.



CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST

and look for other important information, such as snow, temperature, tide times, wind speed, fire risks, etc.



BE PROPERLY PREPARED

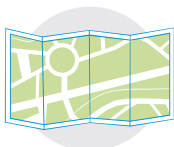
by taking suitable equipment with you, such as whistle, first-aid kit, appropriate clothing and something to eat and drink.



LET SOMEONE KNOW

where you will be walking.

During the walk



STAY ON THE PATH

Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.



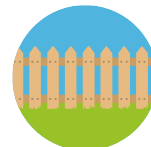
RESPECT THE COUNTRYSIDE

by not damaging fences, fields and crops and not picking fruit or vegetables..



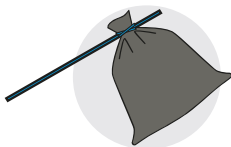
RESPECT LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

such as bans on fires, barbecues, camping, fishing, swimming, etc.



LEAVE GATES AS YOU FIND THEM

be cautious of farm animals : try to go around, not through herds or flocks.



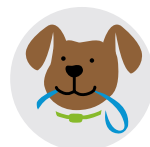
TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

and do not leave any trace of your journey except your footprint.



DON'T MAKE LOTS OF NOISE

and do be respectful and courteous to people along the route.



KEEP YOUR DOG ON LEAD

and have it close to you at every crossroads of other users. Bag and bin its dog poo. Walking with a dog is not recommended on routes where there are farm animals.



THE COUNTRYSIDE IS A LIVING ENVIRONMENT

that evolves with time. Waling is an adventure and there are risks associated with it. Be responsible, and know when it is better to give up and turn around than get into danger.

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Countryside Code for Scotland : <https://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/>
Countryside Code for Northern Ireland : <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/countryside-code>

Emergency contact : 999 (UK) or 112 (Worldwide)

In case of accident, please do not sue the owners of the places where it happened because hikers could be prohibited there then. However, feel free to report to us any risk encountered.